## **HOUSE BILL 1223**

## By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to the operation and governance of public and private postsecondary education in Tennessee.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 20, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-20\_\_. Institutions accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education shall be subject to the same rules and regulations, performance standards and procedures and no differentiation shall be made based solely on the accrediting agency that accredits the institution if that accrediting agency is recognized by the United States department of education.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.